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MR. HANDLEY'S AMENDMENT.

1 SEC. 6. Able bodied persons over the age of forty-five
2 years may volunteer in the Confederate service for three
3 years or the war, and in any arm of the service such vo-
4 lunteer may select : each person so volunteering to re-
5 port himself to the officer having command of the pro-
6 per camp of instruction in his State, and when assem-
7 bled at such camp in sufficient numbers to constitute
8 companies, squadrons, battalions or regiments, the com-
9 mandant of such camp of instruction shall forthwith pro-
10 ceed to form such volunteers in companies, squadrons,
11 battalions, or regiments, giving to the volunteers of each
12 the right to elect the officers thereof according to the
13 laws of the proper State, and after such election has
14 taken place in manner aforesaid, the officer aforesaid
15 shall, without delay, report the result thereof to the Ad-
16 jutant General of the Confederate States, and he shall,
17 as soon as may be thereafter, proceed to commission such

18 officers to serve in the arm selected. After such com-
19 panies, squadrons, battalions, or regiments shall be thus
20 organized and officered, the same shall continue at the
21 school of instruction so assembled, until called into ac-
22 tual service by the President for general or local de-
23 fence. Volunteers under this section shall be entitled to
24 the same bounty as authorized by former acts, and be
25 paid in like manner.